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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: King Y. Poon |
| MASAYUKI SAKURA |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2624 |
| Application No.: 09/891,581 |) | |
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| For: PRINTING SYSTEM |) | |
| PROVIDING VIRTUAL | : | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: